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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Granite
Telecommunications, LLC (U6842C) to
Expand its Certificate of Public
Convenience and Necessity to Include
Additional Service Territories.

Application 16-01-008
(Filed January 21, 2016)

**E-MAIL RULING CONTINUING THE AUGUST 16, 2016 EVIDENTIARY
HEARING AND SUSPENDING OTHER PROCEDURAL DATES**

Dated August 1, 2016, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ADENIYI A. AYOADE

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Administrative Law Judge

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TO ALL PARTIES:

**A.160-10-08 - EMAIL RULING CONTINUING THE AUGUST 16, 2016
EVIDENTIARY HEARING AND SUSPENDING OTHER PROCEDURAL DATES**

On June 9, 2016, Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling was issued setting the evidentiary hearing in this matter for August 16, 2016, and other dates/deadlines for the filing of parties' testimonies and briefs, among others.

On July 6, 2016, the Commission's Safety & Enforcement Division and Granite Telecommunications, LLC ("the parties") notified the Commission of their interest in utilizing the Commission's voluntary Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program in order to explore settlement options in this proceeding. The parties requested that the procedural schedule set in the June 9, 2016 Scoping Memo and Ruling in this proceeding be suspended to allow the parties necessary time to engage in settlement discussion. On July 7, 2016, the parties' request for a suspension of the procedural schedule was granted and the schedule was suspended for one month.

On July 29, 2016, through their assigned ADR mediator, the parties informed the Commission that they have reached an all-party settlement in this proceeding (settlement) resolving all issues but that additional time was needed in order to finalize the agreement and submit it to the Commission for approval. Accordingly, the parties requested that the procedural schedule continued to be suspended through August 15, 2016.)

DISCUSSION

Because of the pending all-party settlement, the parties established good cause for a continuance and/or a suspension of the procedural schedule in this matter. The parties' request to suspend/continue the dates is granted, and upon the filing of the all-party settlement agreement (resolving all issues in this proceeding) and a motion for the adoption of the settlement, all dates currently set in this matter will be vacated, and this matter will be submitted.

ORDER

1. All procedural dates set in the June 9, 2016 Scoping Memo are suspended.

2. The August 16, 2016 Evidentiary Hearing is continued. If necessary, a new date for the Evidentiary Hearing will be set in a separate ruling.

3. The submission of an all-party settlement agreement resolving all issues in this proceeding and joint motion of the parties for the adoption of the settlement agreement shall be deemed a request by the parties to vacate all procedural dates set in the June 9, 2016 Scoping Memo including the date for the evidentiary hearing without re-setting.

4. Upon the filing of the all-party settlement agreement and motion for adoption, all procedural dates set in the June 9, 2016 Scoping Memo in this matter are deemed vacated, and this matter shall be submitted for a decision on the date of the filing of the all-party settlement agreement and motion.

IT IS SO RULED.

THE DOCKET OFFICE SHALL FORMALLY FILE THIS RULING

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A D E N I Y I A. A Y O A D E | ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE | **CPUC**



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